



# AROUND TOWN

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 06/21/09 to 06/27/09.*

**Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:**

At 11:15 p.m. on 06/22/09, Officers Johnson and Hansen were dispatched to a residence on Midway Road reference a disturbance, after which two parties had left the scene. Officers located all parties and determined that multiple assaults had taken place. A 20-year-old male reported that his 21-year-old girlfriend and her 17-year-old cousin had followed him home and an argument occurred. The woman had slammed the male's arm in her car door after pouring beer on him. During the time the argument was taking place, the male's mother and her 48-year-old boyfriend exited the residence. The man got into an altercation with the 17-year-old female and struck her. The 21-year-old female was arrested for domestic assault; the 48-year-old male was issued a citation for 5<sup>th</sup> degree assault; and the 20-year-old man was taken to jail on outstanding warrants.

On 6/24/09 at 12:04 a.m., Officer Hansen took a report of a house that had been egged on the Lavaque Road. The homeowner advised her dog was still barking,

and believed the parties responsible may still be nearby. Officer Hansen checked the area but was unable to locate the suspects.

At 1:05 a.m. on 06/26/09, Officer Johnson, along with a Proctor Police officer and a St Louis County Deputy, was dispatched to a residence on Haines Road reference an unwanted person. A 34-year-old male with a brain injury had been drinking and his 85-year-old father did not want him at the residence. The man had left the property prior to officers' arrival, but he was located and lodged at Detox. Prior to transporting him, Officer Johnson found a pipe and marijuana in his pockets and he was issued a citation for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The Hermantown Police Department has received multiple complaints of a suspicious male selling children's books door-to-door. The complaints indicate he often goes to houses early in the morning or late in the evening during hours residents feel is inappropriate for sales calls. Residents have also complained that he is aggressive in his sales tactics and he makes them uncomfortable with his questions about children in the area. Chief Anderson informed the City Council of the complaints and the male's permit to solicit in Hermantown was suspended.

**Accidents:**

At 5:18 p.m. on 06/23/09, Officer Vedder responded to the intersection of Miller

Trunk Hwy and Ugstad Road to the scene of a three-vehicle accident. A 55-year-old male was issued a citation for inattentive driving after his pickup truck struck the rear of a Ford Taurus driven by a 31-year-old female. The Taurus was then pushed forward into the rear of a Grand Am driven by a 57-year-old female.

On 6/25/09 at 5:32 p.m., Officer Vedder received a report of a two-car accident. Both involved vehicles were traveling westbound on Arrowhead Road when the rear-end collision occurred at the intersection of Miller Trunk Hwy. One driver complained of neck pain but denied medical attention. A citation for inattentive driving was issued.

**Public Assist:**

On 06/23/09 at 12:26 p.m., Officer Vedder responded to a Hermantown residence after a 56-year-old woman found deceased by a relative, who had gone to the residence to check on her after not being able to reach the woman by phone overnight. The Office of the St. Louis County Medical Examiner was notified.

On 6/25/09 at 5:29 p.m., Officer Vedder checked on an occupied vehicle stalled in traffic at Miller Trunk Hwy and Ugstad Road. The driver had run out of gas but had help on the way.

**Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

On 6/21/09 at 9:33 a.m., Officer Volk responded to a business on Lavaque Road on the report of a security alarm. Upon arrival, Officer Volk spoke with a party on site who stated he was with a building services company and was there due to a leak in the building.

On 6/23/09, Sgt. Gunderson took a report of a theft of a red Honda gas garden tiller from an address on Haines Road. A possible suspect was questioned, but denied any involvement.

On 6/26/09, a call was received reference a theft from a vehicle. A gas powered tamper and trash pump were taken from an unlocked container on a truck at a jobsite on Haines Road. This theft is currently under investigation by Officer Wick.

**Miscellaneous:**

On 6/22/09, tobacco compliance checks were conducted in Hermantown of 14 licensees between 11:23 and 12:30 p.m. All licensees refused to sell tobacco to an underage volunteer who did not possess any identification.

On 06/23/09 at 10:27 p.m., a 20-year-old male called 911 and stated that he had a warrant out of Becker County that he wanted to be picked up on. Officers lodged him at the St. Louis County Jail on his warrant.

